

Natural Resources Management in Ghana: The role of the Decentralised Government.

Background.

Ghana is endowed with a lot of natural resources but these resources are depleting at rates that are worrisome. If care is not taken the environment will lose all these gifts of nature. However, most Ghanaians livelihoods are linked to these natural resources. The management of these natural resources are carried by various stakeholders. The role of the decentralised government in managing these natural resources and the way they collaborate in doing it has not been deeply researched in to by researchers.

Objectives.

To find out the role of the decentralised bodies in the management of natural resources in the Bawku West District.

Methodology.

Data has been collected from the decentralised government and natural resource users through interviews and focus group discussions for last year and this year.

Results and Discussions.

Formulation of by-laws which protect natural resources in the district.

Educating and sensitizing the communities in the area of managing natural resources.

Organisations collaborate with one another in managing natural resources.

Logistical constraints, attitudes of the people, lack of motivation for volunteers, bush fires and illegal mining pose a challenge to these institutions.

Weak linkages, financial constraints and lack of commitment in participating in the activities of organisations were identified as challenges they face in collaborating with other organisations.



Illegal mining



Tress



White Volta



Maize Farm

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